

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1274**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huber**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 86109.5 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1274, as introduced, Huber. Political Reform Act of 1974: lobbyists.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, requires that the Secretary of State maintain on the Internet an updated list of lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbying employers.

The act further requires lobbyist employers and persons making certain payments to influence legislative or administrative action to file periodic statements disclosing, among other things, their lobbying interests.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to also display on the Internet a list of those persons filing a periodic report who reported the same lobbying interests during the same calendar quarter and to update the list quarterly.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 86109.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

86109.5. (a) The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain on the Internet an online version of the Directory of Lobbyists, Lobbying Firms, and Lobbyist Employers. The Secretary of State shall update the directory weekly.

(b) The Secretary of State shall also display on the Internet a list of the specific changes made to the Directory of ~~Lobbyist~~ Lobbyists, Lobbying Firms, and Lobbying Employers, including new registrations and listings, additions, deletions, and other revisions, during the seven days preceding the update required by subdivision (a).

~~(c) This section may not be implemented until July 1, 2001, unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Information Technology pursuant to Executive Order D-3-99.~~

*(c) The Secretary of State shall also display on the Internet a list of all persons who, in their reports filed pursuant to Section 86116, disclosed the same lobbying interests during the same calendar quarter. The Secretary of State shall update this information quarterly.*

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the lobbying data made available on the Internet shall include the street name and building number of the persons or entity representatives listed on all the documents submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 86100).

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code.